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1. The engineer training area at Bad Kosen (J-78) has been evacuated except for 20 men who are guarding some light bridging equipment. Heavy bridging equipment and three engineer battalions were shipped partly by rail and partly by truck to Eisenach between 16 and 21 August 1948. seven trains were used for this operation. Comment: It may be noted that there is also a training area in the Eisenach district.)
2. One or two armored regiments and one SU regiment which were established in Jena-Lobstedt were alerted on 20 August and moved that night and the next morning to Eisenach. Comment: The above units were previously reported as arriving in Jena-Lobstedt on 29 July 1948 from Eisenach.)
3. Ohrdruf was very busy with new troops arriving up to 24 August. An armored division camped along the Ohrdruf-Arnstadt road was equipped chiefly with T-34 tanks and vehicles. The 57 Guards Rifle Division had apparently finished its training late in August, but the troops were still occupying the Ohrdruf barracks. Also present was a heavy anti-tank battalion with 12 x 100 mm. guns. Some of the troops at the Ohrdruf training area had come from Jüterbog. The Hartwald area also contained much artillery. Comment: joint army maneuvers are being held in the Ohrdruf area.)

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